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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-13. (canceled).

14. (currently amended): A portable communication apparatus having a display section and a key operation section ~~on one side of a housing~~, the key operation section comprising:

a first key section including a selection key pad which is used to select a desired information item from a plurality of information items displayed in a plurality of rows and columns on the display section, and an execution key used to execute the desired information item selected by the selection key pad; and

a second key section including a ten key pad, wherein the first key section and the second key section are provided close to each other and are disposed immediately below the display section, ~~and~~

wherein one of the information items is initially selected as a first information item,

~~wherein the execution key has a calling function.~~ wherein the selection key pad comprises a first key, a second key, a third key and a fourth key,

wherein pressing the first key selects a second information item displayed in a row immediately preceding the row of the first information item;

wherein pressing the second key selects a third information item displayed in a column immediately following the column of the first information item;

wherein pressing the third key selects a fourth information item displayed in a row immediately following the row of the first information item; and

wherein pressing the fourth key selects a fifth information item displayed in a column immediately preceding the column of the first information item.

15. (previously presented): The portable communication apparatus according to claim 14, wherein

the selection key pad comprises a plurality of movement operation keys for instructing a search direction to select a desired information item from the information items displayed in the display section, and

the execution key comprises an enter key disposed at a position sandwiched by the plurality of movement operation keys, for executing the selected information item.

16. (previously presented): The portable communication apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the first key section comprising the movement operation keys and the enter key is disposed with a space from the second key section.

17. (previously presented): The portable communication apparatus according to claim 14, wherein

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the selection key pad comprises a plurality of switch contacts each corresponding to respective different directions to select a desired information item; and

the execution key comprises a depression switch contact sandwiched between the plurality of switch contacts.

18. (currently amended): ~~The portable communication apparatus according to claim 17,~~ A portable communication apparatus having a display section and a selector, the selector comprising:

a plurality of switch contacts each corresponding to respective different directions to select a desired information item from a plurality of information items displayed in a plurality of rows and columns on the display section and a depression switch contact sandwiched between the plurality of switch contacts,

wherein ~~the first key section consists of a single lever-type key that allows the desired information item to be selected by inclining the single lever-type key in a desired search direction to engage the switch contact corresponding to the desired search direction,~~ and to be executed by depressing the single lever-type key to engage the depression switch contact.

wherein one of the information items is initially selected as a first information item,

wherein inclining the single-lever type key in a first direction to engage a first switch contact selects a first information item displayed in a row immediately preceding the row of the first information item;

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wherein inclining the single-lever type key in a second direction to engage a second switch contact selects a second information item displayed in a column immediately following the column of the first information item;

wherein inclining the single-lever type key in a third direction to engage a third switch contact selects a third information item displayed in a row immediately following the row of the first information item; and

wherein inclining the single-lever type key in a fourth direction to engage a fourth switch contact selects a fourth information item displayed in a column immediately preceding the column of the first information item.

19. (previously presented): The portable communication apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the first key section and the second key section are provided in one housing.

20. (currently amended): A method for selecting one of a plurality of information items using a movement key and an execution key doubling as a calling key, wherein the plurality of information items ~~is~~are displayed in a plurality of rows and columns on a display section of a portable communication apparatus, the method comprising:

selecting one of the information items as a first information item;
pressing the movement key in a first direction selects a second information item displayed in a row immediately preceding the row of the first information item;

pressing the movement key in a second direction selects a third information item displayed in a column immediately following the column of the first information item;

pressing the movement key in a third direction selects a fourth information item displayed in a row immediately following the row of the first information item; and

pressing the movement key in a fourth direction selects a fifth information item displayed in a column immediately preceding the column of the first information item.

~~moving a highlighted portion to a desired information item of the information items by operating the movement key; and~~

~~selecting the desired information item to originate a call to a destination designated by the desired information item by operating the execution key.~~

21. (new): The method according to claim 20, further comprising:

if the movement key is pressed in the first direction and the row immediately preceding the row of the first information item does not exist, selecting a second information item displayed in a row furthest from and following the row of the first information item;

if the movement key is pressed in the second direction and the column immediately following the column of the first information item does not exist, selecting a third information item displayed in a column furthest from and preceding the column of the first information item;

if the movement key is pressed in the third direction and the row immediately following the row of the first information item does not exist, selecting a fourth information item displayed in a row furthest from and preceding the row of the first information item; and

if the movement key is pressed in the fourth direction and the column immediately preceding the column of the first information item does not exist, selecting a fifth information item displayed in a column furthest from and following the column of the first information item.

22. (new): The method according to claim 20, further comprising originating a call to a destination designated by the selected information item by operating the execution key.

23. (new): The portable communication apparatus according to claim 14, wherein:

if the first key is pressed and the row immediately preceding the row of the first information item does not exist, selecting a second information item displayed in a row furthest from and following the row of the first information item;

if the second key is pressed and the column immediately following the column of the first information item does not exist, selecting a third information item displayed in a column furthest from and preceding the column of the first information item;

if the third key is pressed and the row immediately following the row of the first information item does not exist, selecting a fourth information item displayed in a row furthest from and preceding the row of the first information item; and

if the fourth key is pressed and the column immediately preceding the column of the first information item does not exist, selecting a fifth information item displayed in a column furthest from and following the column of the first information item.

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24. (new): The portable communication apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the execution key has a calling function.

25. (new): The portable communication apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the display section and the key operation section are disposed on one side of a housing of the portable communication apparatus.

26. (new): A portable communication apparatus, comprising:
selection means for selecting a desired information item from a plurality of information items displayed in a plurality of rows and columns on a display means;
execution means for executing the desired information item selected by the selection means; and
a second key section including a ten key pad, wherein the first key section and the second key section are provided close to each other and are disposed immediately below the display section,
wherein one of the information items is initially selected as a first information item,
wherein the selection means is operable to indicate a plurality of movement directions,
wherein indicating a first movement direction with the selection means selects a first information item displayed in a row immediately preceding the row of the first information item;

wherein indicating a second movement direction with the selection means selects a second information item displayed in a column immediately following the column of the first information item;

wherein indicating a third movement direction with the selection means selects a third information item displayed in a row immediately following the row of the first information item;
and

wherein indicating a fourth movement direction with the selection means selects a fourth information item displayed in a column immediately preceding the column of the first information item.

27. (new): The portable communication apparatus according to claim 26, wherein:

if the selection means indicates a first movement direction and the row immediately preceding the row of the first information item does not exist, selecting a second information item displayed in a row furthest from and following the row of the first information item;

if the selection means indicates a second movement direction and the column immediately following the column of the first information item does not exist, selecting a third information item displayed in a column furthest from and preceding the column of the first information item;

if the selection means indicates a third movement direction and the row immediately following the row of the first information item does not exist, selecting a fourth information item displayed in a row furthest from and preceding the row of the first information item; and

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if the selection means indicates a fourth movement direction and the column immediately preceding the column of the first information item does not exist, selecting a fifth information item displayed in a column furthest from and following the column of the first information item.

28. (new): The portable communication apparatus according to claim 26, wherein the execution means has a calling function.

29. (new): The portable communication apparatus according to claim 26, wherein the display means and the selection means are disposed on one side of a housing of the portable communication apparatus.

30. (new): The portable communication apparatus according to claim 26, wherein the selection means and the execution means are disposed with a space from the second key section.